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CHRISTOPHER JAMES HOLDER

V.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

FILED  
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS  
7/7/2017  
IN THE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS  
DEANA WILLIAMSON, CLERK

APPEALS FOR THE

STATE OF TEXAS

**MOTION TO EXTEND TIME TO FILE APPELLANT'S BRIEF**

**TO THE HONORABLE JUSTICES OF SAID COURT:**

Now comes Christopher James Holder, Appellant in the above styled and numbered cause, and moves this Court to grant an extension of time to file the appellant's brief, pursuant to Rule 38.6 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure, and for good cause shows the following:

1. This case is on appeal from the 416<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Collin County, Texas, styled the *State of Texas v. Christopher James Holder* in case number 416-80782-2013.

2. The case was styled in the Court of Appeals as *Christopher James Holder v. The State of Texas* in case number 05-15-00818-CR.

3. Appellant was convicted by a jury of capital murder and sentenced automatically to life in prison without the possibility of parole. The Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction.

4. Appellant Holder agrees to this request for an extension.
5. The Court granted Holder's petition for discretionary review as to ground three on June 7, 2017.
6. The appellant's brief is presently due on July 7, 2017.
7. Appellant requests an extension of time of 14 days from the present date to July 21, 2017 to file his brief.
8. No extension to file the brief has been requested in this cause. No further extensions will be requested by Appellant Holder.
9. Appellant relies on the following facts as good cause for the requested extension:

The brief is substantially complete. However, Counsel for Appellant has had insufficient time to finalize the brief. The issue the Court granted review on is important to the development of the law in Texas, and it is complex. Although working diligently to timely complete the brief, Counsel has had a number of other cases which have detracted from his ability to complete this brief. Those cases include: *Enrique Arochi v. The State of Texas*, an appeal from a conviction in an aggravated kidnapping case in cause number 05-16-01208-CR. The Appellant's brief in that case is now due in the Fifth Court of Appeals on July 14, 2017. The record in that case is extremely long, and a number of issues are being raised.

Further, Appellant's counsel had oral surgery on July 5, 2017. This has

prevented counsel from working to finalize this brief for a few days due to some pain.

No further extensions will be requested.

**WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED,** Appellant prays that this Court grant this Motion To Extend Time to File Appellant's Brief, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,  
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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on July 7, 2017, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was served on the counsel of record for the office of the State Prosecuting Attorney for the State of Texas, and the Collin County District Attorney by electronic service through the Electronic Filing Manager.

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